

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: November 15, 2006

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes   x   No   

Department: District 3

**Staff Contact Person:** Tammy Malby

**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Approval of the dedication of the Child Witness Waiting Room to Judge R Payne for his service to the people of Monroe County for over thirty years

**ITEM BACKGROUND:**

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION: N/A**

**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES: N/A**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: N/A**

**TOTAL COST:** N/A

**BUDGETED:** Yes      No

**COST TO COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

REVENUE PRODUCING: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ AMOUNT PER MONTH \_\_\_ Year \_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty \_\_\_\_ OMB/Purchasing \_\_\_\_ Risk Management \_\_\_\_

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:**

(Mayor Charles "Sonny" McCoy)

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included \_\_\_\_\_ Not Required \_\_\_\_\_

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGENDA ITEM #**\_\_\_\_\_



**SANDRA TAYLOR**  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
502 WHITEHEAD STREET  
KEY WEST, FLORIDA 33040

RAQUEL GALVAN  
JUDICIAL ASSISTANT

TELEPHONE: 305 / 292 - 3480  
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October 23, 2006

Honorable Sonny McCoy  
Monroe County Mayor  
530 Whitehead Street  
Key West, FL 33040

Dear Mayor McCoy,

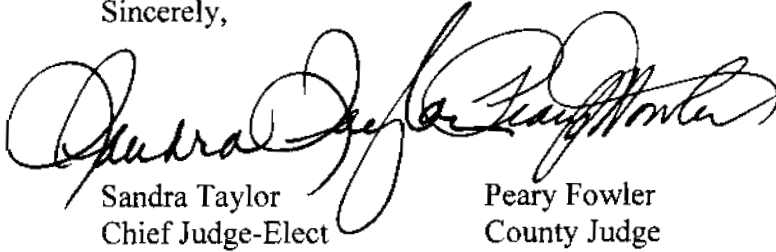
In January, 2007, Monroe County will lose a dedicated public official when Chief Judge Richard G. Payne retires from the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. Judge Payne has served the people of Monroe County for over thirty years as an Assistant County Attorney, County Judge and Circuit Judge. He has held his current Circuit Judge seat since 1989 and has been elected each term since with no opposition.

Monroe County has gone through many changes over the past thirty years and our court system is no exception. Judge Payne has seen our court system through Revision 7 to Article V of the Florida Constitution, which switched the majority of court funding from the county to the state. Judge Payne has also been actively involved in the design of the Freeman Justice Center. It was during the design phase that he became aware there was no where in the new facility for children to wait. With his vision, the Child Witness Waiting Room became a reality. Children who are victims in a court case, or children facing dependency issues will now have their own space to wait. They will no longer have to share the same space with the accused.

The judiciary and staff of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit would like to honor Judge Payne by naming the Child Witness Waiting Room after him. We are respectfully requesting that you place this item on the November Board of County Commission agenda. If this item meets with Board approval, we would like to name the room "The Richard G. Payne

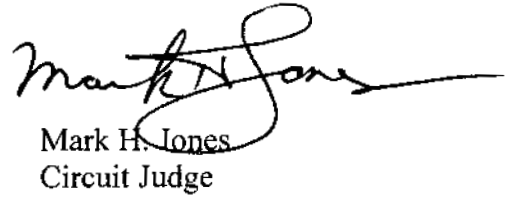
Child Witness Waiting Room." If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Judge-Elect Sandra Taylor at 292-3480. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

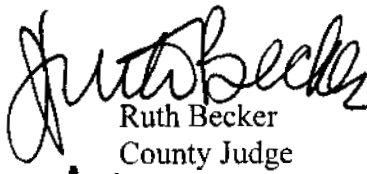


Sandra Taylor  
Chief Judge-Elect

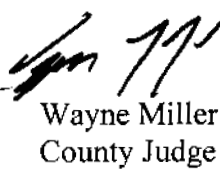
Peary Fowler  
County Judge




Mark H. Jones  
Circuit Judge



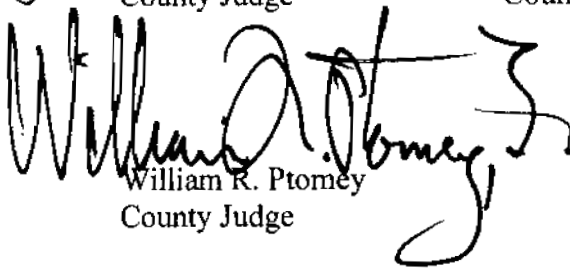
Ruth Becker  
County Judge



Wayne Miller  
County Judge



Luis Garcia  
Circuit Judge



William R. Ptomey  
County Judge